**Revival plan of the IDPL**

3660. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested for early finalization of revival plan of Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Hyderabad and regular payment of salaries to workers;

(b) if so, the action taken on the request; and

(c) by when the matter would be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Requests in this regard have been received from the Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) A revival plan with cut off dates as March 31 and June 30, 2000 has been received recently from IDPL. The future of the company, including revival, would be determined by the proceedings and the final decision of the BIFR. It is not feasible to indicate a time schedule for the same. Government is providing non-plan assistance to IDPL for payment of salaries and funds have been released for such purposes for the period upto March, 2000.

**Payment of retirement dues to IDPL employees**

3661. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL) have not paid the retirement dues/benefits such as gratuity, leave encashments, home-town TA, arrears of DA, etc. to its employees who retired more than two years ago;

(b) if so, what are the names of such employees, the amount payable to them and the reasons for such delay; and

(c) what action Government have taken/propose to take in the matter and by when their outstanding dues would be paid to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) Payment of retirement dues/ benefits of 333 superannuated/deceased employees is getting delayed due to financial constraints of IDPL. The total amount due to such employees is

about Rs. 307 lakhs. Government is providing non-plan assistance to IDPL for payment of salaries.

**Financial assistance for fertiliser transportation**

3662. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received from Himachal Pradesh for special financial assistance on fertiliser transportation in the State on the pattern of Jammu and Kashmir and North-Eastern States;

(b) whether these requests also include the Union Government to meet the extra cost of transportation of de-controlled fertilisers in Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken, with latest position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) Yes, Madam. In pursuance of the request of Himachal Pradesh State Government, the Government of India has decided to extend the scheme for providing additional freight support on transportation of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilisers to Himachal Pradesh. The quantum of freight support is being decided in consultation with the State Government. In respect of urea, the freight subsidy is being provided to the State of Himachal Pradesh like others under the equated freight scheme. There is no decision to change it.

**Development and use of Bio-Fertilizers in Tripura**

3663. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sanction Rs. 18.50 lacs from National Project and Technology Mission on Development and use of bio-fertilizers for strengthening bio-fertilizer production unit in Tripura, as submitted by Government of Tripura;

(b) if so, by when it would be sanctioned; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) The Government of Tripura had submitted a project proposal of Rs. 18.5 lakh for strengthening of the